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From Your President

Hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and that you are making plans for 2025!

A big thanks to Rita Dunn for hosting the CDCTS holiday party on December 7. Good company, good food, and a fun time for all.

First up for 2025 is our annual meeting and awards banquet on January 25, 2025 at Buddy's Bearden Hill Banquet Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m. The evite will be sent out shortly. Dinner will be served buffet style and includes pork loin, honey pecan chicken, roasted potatoes, Spinach Maria, garden salad, rolls, and cheesecake. Iced tea, lemonade, water and wine to drink. YUM! The price per person will be \$30 this year as prices have increased (we all know about the economy's effect on food prices). Please get your RSVPs in as soon as possible after you get your evite.

The winny whimsy wine raffle is always a fun part of the evening, raffle tickets are \$3 each or 2/\$5. Will you be one of the lucky ones???

There will be a silent auction, so please donate your gently used tack/riding gear you no longer use. Ask your farrier/vet/massage therapist etc. to donate services. These are always popular at the auction. The money we raise from our shows and the silent auction, goes to support you, the members. We are able to subsidize clinics, educational opportunities and shows as we try to keep costs reasonable. Note that we haven't raised show fees in years, despite the ever-increasing costs for putting on shows. Please let us know by January 23 if you have something for the auction. You can email me, carolyn.ordal@youthvillages.org, with your item. My "home brew" versions of Kahlua, Amaretto and Bailey's will be ready for your bids!

We are looking to fill a few places on the board, so please think about volunteering. You do get 11 hours of volunteer time, just for serving on the board. When Dave McAdoo contacts you about serving on the board, please say yes! If you have questions about any of the positions and what the duties include, please feel free to reach out and ask. Our monthly meetings are open to everyone and the CDCTS Board values your input. Please consider joining us for our January 14, 2025 meeting at Calhoun's (Kingston Pike & Pellissippi Pkwy), 6 p.m. for dinner, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - CONTINUED

As we are getting ready to enter 2025, please think about what you, as a member of CDCTS can do to help us grow the club. Are there folks you ride/board with who could be members? Can you encourage them to join? **What do you, the CDCTS members, need this organization to do to support you in your riding goals?** **Are there clinicians you would like to see us bring in? If you did not complete 4 hours of volunteer time, what prevented you?** **2025 Schooling show dates are: Spring, May 3; Summer, June 21; Fall, September 27, Fall Fun Day, October 18 or 25. Mark your calendars now!**

Until next month, stay warm and happy riding!

Carolyn Ordal
CDCTS President

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. In attendance were Rita Dunn, Kacy Schnake, Diane Carlson, Carolyn Ordal, Julie Noe and guest Coy Jo Bays

Approval of the October, 2024 Minutes: Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kacy Schnake presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Fall Fun Day 2.0, October 26, 2024: Though it was a small show everyone had fun.

2025 Membership Forms: Members will be encouraged to renew in next newsletter.

Annual Banquet—Buddy's BBQ, Bearden Banquet Hall is reserved for January 25. We pay for 50 people to attend. Time to start thinking about year-end awards. Susan is willing to take on organizing awards. We will have board positions open, need suggestions. Reminder that board members have to have their memberships renewed asap. Need to start reminding folks to get scores in, donations for silent auction. Any ideas for a speaker?

Professional/Business Memberships: Current decision is to leave as is.

Christmas Party: December 7, 6 p.m. at Rita Dunn's. CDCTS will provide a ham and drinks (clean out sodas and waters from trailer as well as wine). Attendees to bring a side dish/dessert. Gifts of up to \$25 for the Dirty Santa game.

New Business None addressed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

2024 CDCTS Events

CDCTS Christmas party, December 7, 6 p.m. at Rita Dunn's

2024 Local Events

Jim Koford: November 14-17 and December 19-22

2025 CDCTS Events

Annual Awards Banquet, January 25, 6:30 p.m., Buddy's Banquet hall on Bearden Hill

CDCTS 2024 Christmas Party



Photos for the Annual Banquet Slide Presentation

Do you have photos you would like to share with the club in the slide presentation at the Annual CDCTS Banquet?

If so, please submit them before January 20, 2025. You can email them to:
cdctsnews@gmail.com

THE CHRONICLE^{of the} HORSE

Pressure Is A Privilege

by Lauren Sprieser

I'm riding the best horses of my career right now. They're winning everything, and it's freaking me out.

I know, I know. Hear me out.

Winning is really, really fun but not why I do this, because the actual acquisition of blue ribbons is a little bit about whether you're good and a lot about whether anyone else is better on a particular day. I can't control that, and so instead I live my life with The Campfire Rule: Leave every horse in better condition than you found them. And that is where my joy really is.



Every horse is a puzzle, and I love solving them. I help them learn how to dance, and from the tiniest of aids. I help them become more confident, more beautiful, more sound. And all of my own horses thus far have gone on to be teachers to others. How freaking amazing is that?!

Truly, if showing wasn't a Thing, and we were all just doing this for funsies in our backyards, I would still be having the time of my damn life teaching horses of all levels and qualities—and, let's be real, price points—how to be better, and I'd be loving it.

Read dressage rider and trainer Lauren Sprieser's full column by [clicking here](#).

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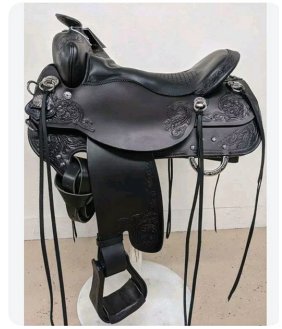
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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 CDCTS Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 CDCTS Annual Banquet
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CDCTS Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

ARTICLES FOR THE CROSSING

Please submit articles for your monthly CDCTS newsletter, *THE CROSSING*. Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Send your article by email to: cdctsnews@gmail.com.

EVENTS

2025

CDCTS Annual Banquet: January 25; Buddy's Bearden Hill Banquet Hall, Knoxville

Next Meeting

January 14, 2025

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Calhoun's Restaurant

(Pellissippi/Kingston Pike Intersection)

10020 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for meeting



Region 3 USDF GMO #0319

CDCTS is a USDF Group Member Organization that caters to dressage and combined training (eventing) riders and enthusiasts in the Knoxville area and throughout East Tennessee.

By joining CDCTS, you will be on the fast track to learning about shows, clinics and other great educational opportunities in our area. You will get to meet other like-minded, horse loving people, and you will become part of a group that is continually working to promote dressage and eventing in your area.

In addition, by joining CDCTS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage arena.

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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society 2025 Membership Application



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CDCTS membership year is 1 December 2024-30 November 2025. After 1 December, the effective date of membership begins the day the form and correct dues reach the CDCTS Secretary at the address below. CDCTS is a USDF GMO and its members are automatically USDF Group Members. For Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF. \$24.00 of your primary GMO membership fee goes directly to USDF for your Group Membership. Electronic copies of CDCTS applications will be held until funds are received.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____ USDF#: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: () _____ Secondary Phone: () _____

Primary Email address: _____

Birth date: _____ (required by USDF for all riders under 21 years of age,
and requested for those over 21 years old to assist in limiting doubled entries at USDF)

I would like to Join: ____ /Renew: ____ Crossroads Dressage and Combined training Society for the
membership year 1 December 2024—30 November 2025 in the following category:

- a. Charter Member (Founding member of the club whose membership has not lapsed) ____ X \$23.00 ____
- b. Adult Member (Over 21 years old as of January 1, 2024) ____ X \$52.00 ____
- c. Junior/Young Rider Member (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2024) ____ X \$28.00 ____
- d. Family Membership (\$52 Primary Member + \$13.00 per each additional member) ____ X \$52.00 ____
____ X \$13.00 ____
- e. Early Bird Discount (Payment before November 1, 2024) **deduct \$5.00** ____
____ -\$5.00 ____

ARE YOU PAYING WITH PAYPAL? (cdctsortg@gmail.com)

IF YES, ADD \$2.00 ____

Total: ____

List the Additional Family Members below:

Name: _____ Phone #: () _____

I would like to volunteer to support the club in the following areas:

Horse shows: ____ Scribe, ____ Scorer, ____ Runner, ____ Ring Steward, ____ Concessions, ____ Set up and
Tear Down, ____ Hospitality

Other: ____ Phone Contacts, ____ Committees, ____ Board Member, ____ Write for Newsletter, ____ Publish
newsletter, ____ Website, ____ Sell Advertising, ____ Other _____

Please make your check payable to CDCTS and return to:

Kacy Schnake, CDCTS Treasurer
324 El Jon Lane
Kingston, TN 37763

Office action:

Date Received: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____



**Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society
2025 Professional or Business Application**



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Primary Contact: First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing or Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: () _____ **Secondary Phone:** () _____

Primary Email address: _____

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c. I/we wish to sponsor a _____ (trophy, ribbons, neck sashes, etc) in a schooling show. *Please select Spring or Fall Show or both.*

d. I/we wish to sponsor a year end award. Please specify which award and amount.

e. I/we wish to support the club in another manner. Please specify below:

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